

**Petersham Council on Aging
Board Meeting
March 11, 2019**

Members Present: Kay Berry, Wanda Dickson, Janice Olson, Phil Hanno, Sandra Page, Sheila Youd, Lynn Shaw

Visitors: Mary Russell, Diana Tandy, John Ewing

Absent: Pam Chevalier

1. The previous meeting minutes were read and approved.
2. There is currently \$5694.09 in our account. There have been two deposits and bills have been paid to Staples, the Tai Chi instructors, USPS, the Athol YMCA, and Pat Roix.
3. The exercise programs are going well. Sandy Page has begun a walking club on Wednesday's at 11:30, meeting in front of the Country Store.
4. Steve Henderson will be here to do a program on Monday, April 8, at 12:30, after the Monday lunch.
5. Dan Kerouac will be here to do a program of singing in May.
6. The Petersham Cultural Council awarded a grant of \$300 to the COA and \$300 to the Petersham Art Center to create photographs of a number of Petersham's senior citizens. There is a time limit by which this needs to be completed. Sandra Whaley, the photographer, is currently in a Florida.
7. Phil Hanno spoke with Wilson Bus Lines about potential trips we could sign up for. These trips are available to anyone and include:

April 27 Spring Mystery Tour (\$100)

May 23 Charles River Boat Cruise plus

June 23 Beaufort Lobster Bake, Gloucester, and Rockport (\$94)

July 16 Essex Steam train and riverboat on Connecticut River (\$100)

Aug. 17 Hildene, and Manchester, VT (\$100)

If we want to reserve the bus just for us we will need a minimum of 25 people signed up. This will be discussed with the lunch group.

8. LifePath has said they will not pay for compostable dishes. They suggest that we use china plates, which they would buy for us. We don't have a dishwasher and aren't really set up to handle that. Lynn will check with Lynne Feldman to see what was used at the LifePath meeting on aging in place held in Greenfield.

9. The catered lunch by Mark Ellis will cost \$8. We have 15 signed up so far. Mark has indicated that he will not be able to help serve that day.
10. The card jamboree will move from the second Monday to the first Monday so as not to be on the same day as the COA board meeting.
11. Kay pointed out that we could really use a bulletin board here in the dining hall to post upcoming events and other information. She will check if that would be ok with the Town.
12. Information for the Newsletter included a spaghetti dinner at the Quabbin Woods Restaurant to raise money for the Congregational Church steeple on April 5 and the Historical Society Annual Meeting on April 12.
13. The next meeting will be April 8 at 10am.

Lynn Shaw
Acting Recording Secretary